

New Mexico Compilation Commission

24-13-3. Expenses for burial or cremation.

If the unclaimed decedent had known assets or property of sufficient value to defray the expenses of cremation or burial, invoices for the expenses shall be forwarded to such person or official authorized by law to be appointed administrator of the estate of the decedent, and such person or official shall pay the expenses out of the decedent's estate. To the extent that the deceased person is indigent, the burial or cremation expenses shall be borne by the county of residence of the deceased person. If the county of residence of the deceased person is not known, the burial or cremation expenses shall be borne by the county in which the body was found. The burial or cremation expenses may be paid by the county out of the general fund or the county indigent hospital claims fund in an amount up to six hundred dollars (\$600) for the burial or cremation of any adult or minor.

History: Laws 1939, ch. 224, § 3; 1941 Comp., § 73-206; 1953 Comp., § 13-2-6; Laws 1957, ch. 123, § 1; 1959, ch. 59, § 1; 1987, ch. 274, § 1; 1991, ch. 6, § 1; 1999, ch. 241, § 6; 2001, ch. 307, § 1.